



## KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Superintendents Advisory Council (SAC) SUMMARY

NOV. 17, 2021

**PRESENT:** Danny Adkins, Casey Allen, Jesse Bacon, Doug Bennett, Thom Cochran, Matthew Constant, Robbie Fletcher, Michael Ford, David Gilliam, Damien Johnson, Mark Kopp, Mike LaFavers, Misty Middleton, Danny Osborne, Marty Pollio, Patrick Richardson, Tres Settle, Jay Simmons, Robb Smith, Henry Webb

**ABSENT:** Carrie Ballinger, Robin Cochran, Cornelius Faulkner, Sanford Holbrook, Kyle Lively, Wayne Roberts

### **SUMMARY:**

**Agenda Item:** Kentucky Family and School Partnerships

**Presenter:** Kathy Burkhardt, Senior Director of NaviGo College and Career Prep, Learning Grove

### **Summary of Discussion:**

Burkhardt joined the SAC members to remind everyone of the importance of family involvement. Some research-proven benefits of students being encouraged by family include improved grades and test scores, consistent attendance, and better all-around behavior and social skills. Burkhardt showcased the new Family and School Partnership Resources and how to access them. Members were encouraged to have schools apply to become a Family Friendly Certified School.

**Agenda Item:** High-Quality Instructional Resources

**Presenter:** Micki Ray, KDE Chief Academic Officer, Office of Teaching and Learning

### **Summary of Discussion:**

Members received an overview of how KDE can support districts in the local curriculum development process aligned to the *Kentucky Academic Standards* (KAS) and the evaluation of high-quality instructional resources. Ray shared the recently updated the *Model Curriculum Framework* and the [KYStandards.org](https://www.kystandards.org) webpage. Members were informed that by July 2022, KDE plans to release a consumer guide for schools and districts providing information concerning high-quality reading and writing resource selection criteria and evaluation tools. Superintendents also were made aware of a pilot program that will focus on the locally developed curriculum process aligned to the *Kentucky Academic Standards for Reading and Writing*.

**Agenda Item:** Educator Well-Being

**Presenters:** Judi Vanderhaar, KDE Program Consultant, and Michelle Nichols, KDE Program Consultant, Office of Continuous Improvement and Support

**Summary of Discussion:**

Members were reminded of the extreme stress that educators continue to be under daily. Before COVID-19, survey data revealed that the well-being of educators was a concern and a recent study demonstrates that stress is the number one reason educators leave their job. A framework was developed to concentrate on the areas to support educators such as compassion, resilience, connection and recognition. Improved communication, systems and processes can make a significant difference.

**Superintendent Feedback:**

Members agreed to increase the frequency of meetings from twice a year to quarterly. A possible survey has been proposed to come up with agenda items for future meetings.

Next Meeting:

Feb. 10, 2022